

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 11.109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Thank you for considering my comments on the LightSquared/GPS issue.

As a former paramedic, I know first hand of the importance of reliable communication when disaster happens. LightSquared has proven to be a valuable asset in response to such disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Irene, the earthquake in Haiti, and recently with my former home state's tornado in Joplin, MO.

Because LightSquared offers a satellite component to provide reliable connectivity, first responders can maintain communications and coordinate relief efforts in disasters; there will also be connectivity in rural markets where no reliable wireless communications currently exist.

It will have significant implications for public safety, providing faster, more reliable communications for first responders during natural disasters and other emergencies when terrestrial capability is reduced or lost.

I believe that we need to have both LightSquared and GPS as an option and that a technological solution has been presented. Please allow this LightSquared project to move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Chaloupecky', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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